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# Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Robert Berks

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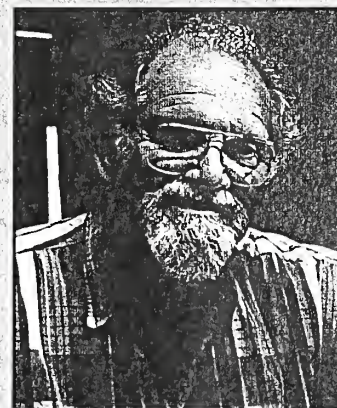
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Kentucky is also fortunate to have acquired a heroic-sized sculpted head of Abraham Lincoln, a striking new work by Robert Berks titled "Meet Mr. Lincoln." The acquisition of this great sculpture is an important beginning for Kentucky in reclaiming its Lincoln Heritage. The spirit of Lincoln, powerfully invoked by Mr. Berks' new work, counters the caricatures of the awkward, whiskered man in the oversized black coat and tall hat, and inspires the image of the Great Emancipator.

### About the Sculptor

*Robert Berks is one of the most celebrated artists in the world. His first rendition of Lincoln, his "Gettysburg Lincoln," was established by Congress in 1959 as the official portrait of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial year. His monument to Albert Einstein in Washington, D.C., attracts 12 million visitors a year. His eight-foot head of President John F. Kennedy, located in the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, is one of the most recognized sculptures in America.*



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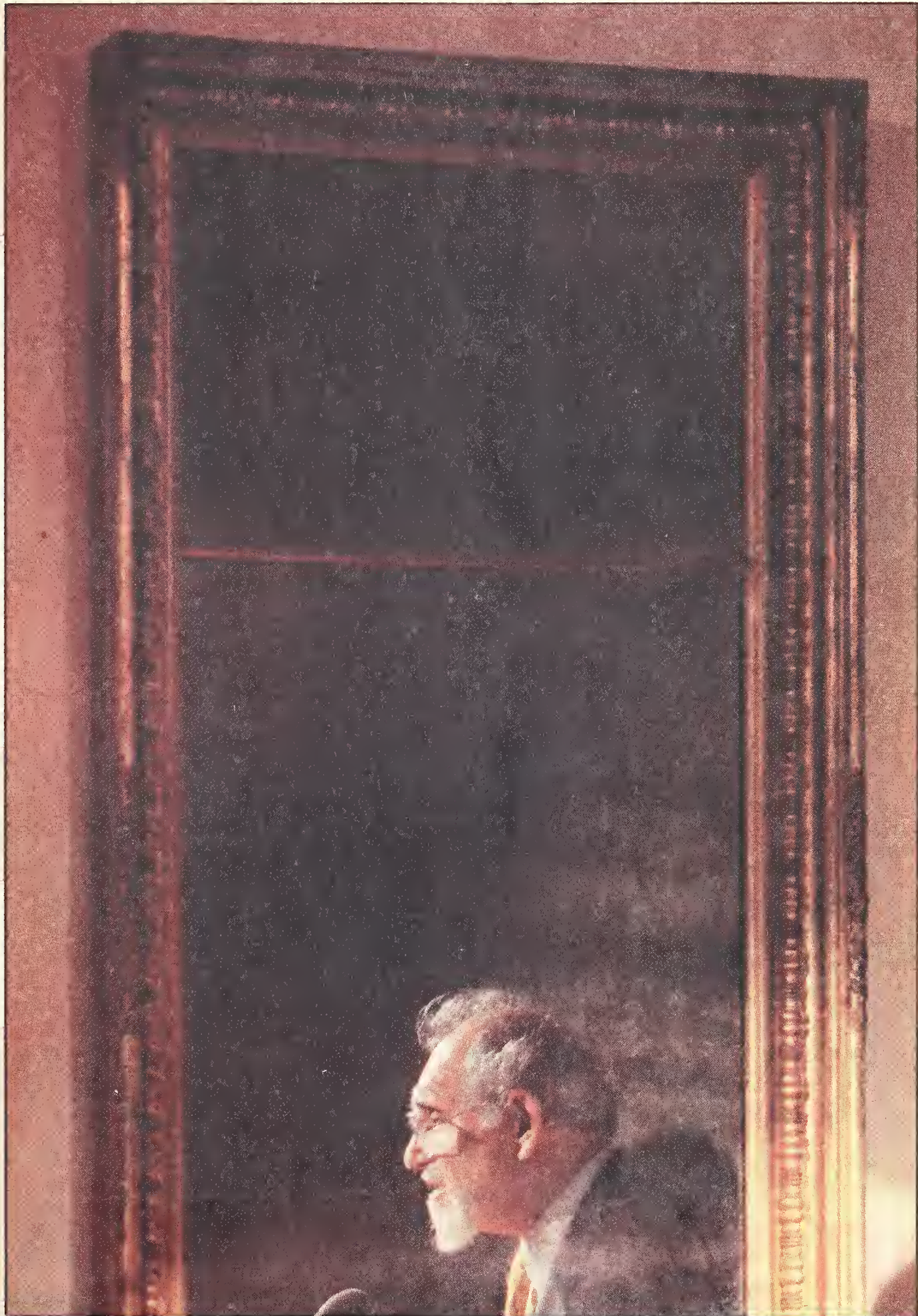
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# Meet Mr. Lincoln

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**Hanson, 79**, Stanford, retired mail carrier and farmer, World War II veteran, husband of Bernice Curtis Hanson, died of a gunshot wound Tuesday. The death was a suicide, Lincoln County Coroner Bill Demrow said. Services 2 p.m. Friday, Moreland Christian Church. Visitation 8 a.m. today, Northcutt & Son Home.

**Mr. Hendrix**, a retired coal miner, was the son of Suvilla Turner Hendrix. Mr. Hendrix had a history of alcohol-related problems. He said there was no indication of foul play in the death. He also said that Mr. Hendrix had a history of alcohol-related problems. Bianchi said an autopsy was performed, but he had not yet received the results. He said there was no indication of foul play in the death. He also said that Mr. Hendrix had a history of alcohol-related problems.

**Mr. Hendrix** was lodged in the County Coroner Philip Bianchi said. He was charged with an alcohol-related offense the coroner said. He was charged with an alcohol-related offense the coroner said. He was charged with an alcohol-related offense the coroner said.

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